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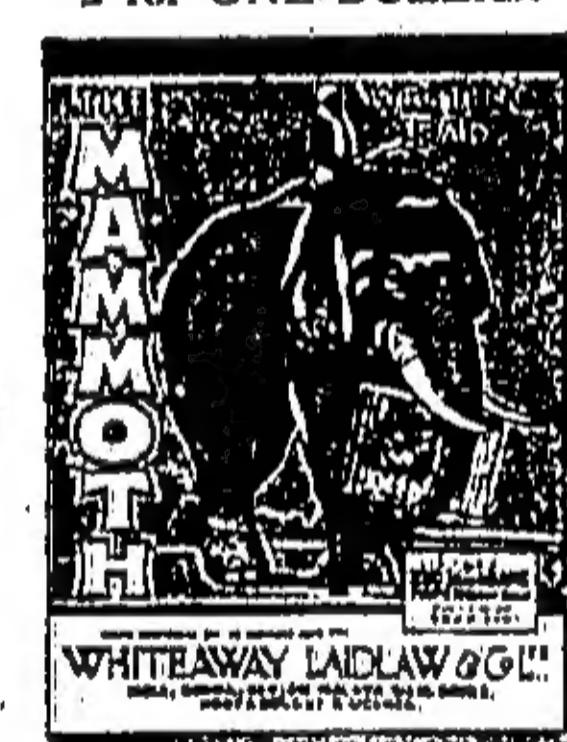
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WARNING TO CANTON.

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While ready to negotiate with the Nationalist Government in the most liberal and generous spirit, Britain is determined "at all costs" to protect the lives and interests of her subjects in China if the Cantonese should fail to ensure proper safeguards or should attempt to regain the Concessions forcibly.

The Attorney-General, Sir Douglas Hogg, in uttering this warning to Canton, said that obviously this might conceivably involve grave consequences and it was on account of that possibility—remote as he hoped it would be—that he thought it his duty to speak on the subject.

STRAIGHT WARNING.

The Lesson of Hankow.

London, Jan. 18.

Sir Douglas Hogg, the Attorney General, in a speech in London, said that the British Government's Memorandum regarding China showed they intended to go as far possible to meet the legitimate aspirations of the Chinese people. That was a liberal and generous policy towards the Chinese nation.

Unfortunately the proposals seemed not to have been received by some Chinese in the spirit in which they were intended, for within a few days of publication there occurred the very unhappy incident at Hankow, the attack by a Chinese mob upon the British Concession.

A "grave responsibility was thrown upon the British authorities on the spot. They faced the responsibility with courage and discretion. (Cheers.) We withdrew our forces and the Concession was overrun by a mob that created a difficult situation.

It would have been open to us to say we would decline to hold communication with the Chinese.

AMERICAN MINISTER.

To Report to Washington:

Peking, Jan. 18. Mr. MacMurray, the American Minister to China is leaving for Washington this evening via Korea.—Reuter.

[Mr. MacMurray is returning to Washington to make a direct personal report to the State Department.]

authorities unless the Concession was restored, but the British Government, while claiming that the position at Hankow must be regularised, entered into negotiations with the Chinese authorities to see whether a satisfactory arrangement could be reached on the basis of the Memorandum.

Sir Douglas Hogg hoped the invitation would be accepted and that we might regard the incident at Hankow as unauthorised and undesired by the responsible authorities.

Remote Yet—

Sir Douglas Hogg said that if the invitation were accepted the Chinese would not find us either ungenerous or unreasonable in our demands, but one had to face the other alternative, if unfortunately the Chinese should be encouraged by our forbearance at Hankow to believe that events there could be repeated all over China.

If they should attempt forcibly to regain concessions which they might well be able to re-arrange by negotiation; if they should prove themselves unable or unwilling to protect the lives and property of British citizens, then in the Government's view it was a paramount duty to see that the liberties of our people lawfully carrying on their avocation in the country in which they were legally installed were protected. (Cheers.)

We had at Shanghai alone some 16,000 British subjects and many millions of British property, and if the Chinese authorities should refuse to safeguard these lives and interests, it became a duty which at all costs the Government would discharge to protect those interests themselves.

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ORDERED TO CHINA.

Four Cruisers Sail To-day.

London, Jan. 18.

The First Cruiser Squadron, except the "Dauntless," is going to Shanghai under the command of Rear-Admiral William Boyle. The hospital ship "Maine," which is at present in dry dock, is standing by in readiness to sail to China.—Reuter.

Marines Under Orders.

London, Jan. 18.

A thousand marines at Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth have been warned to be in readiness to proceed to the Far East.—Reuter.

Not Acts of War.

London, Jan. 18.

The marines mentioned earlier will probably sail next week. It is officially emphasised that they are going to China purely to defend British life and property. Their despatch is in no way a warlike act.

The cruisers which are going to China from Malta on Jan. 19 are the "Frobisher," "Dethi," "Danae" and "Dragon."

Their duty also will be the protection of British rights and property on the Yangtze.—Reuter.

The hospital ship, "Maine," is accompanying the cruisers for the purpose of treating members of the crews who may be ill.—Reuter.

Malta, Jan. 18.

The "Dauntless" will not go to China until the middle of February.—Reuter.

Liners for Troops.

London, Jan. 18.

The Union Castle Liners "Kinfauns Castle" and "Kildonan Castle," which have been laid up for several months at Southampton, are being fitted out for immediate use for the conveyance of troops to China.

It is understood that the "Kildonan" sails on Jan. 26 and the "Kinfauns" on Jan. 29.—Reuter.

Hospital Ship Coming.

The hospital ship "Maine," it is stated, is being prepared for service in China in addition to the first cruiser squadron. The "Maine," which was formerly the "Panama," is in charge of Surgeon Captain W. W. Keir, C.M.G., M.B., and with him are Surgeons F. J. Gowans, M.B., and H. B. Padwick, D.S.O., B.A.

The master of the ship is R. N. Smardon.

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

No Surrender to Violence.

London, Jan. 18.

Reuter learns that no telegrams have been received announcing any fresh incidents anywhere in China. Mr. O'Malley is still exploring the ground at Hankow.

It is pointed out that any naval, military or air movements are for the purpose of carrying out the policy of the British Government for the protection of life and property and must not be interpreted as in any way aggressive action.

The decisions of yesterday's Cabinet were incomplete, conformity with the known policy of the Government towards China, which is unchanged.

Two Aspects.

The New British Minister to China, before he left London, stated that there were two aspects of British policy:—

(1) Endeavour by negotiation on a liberal basis to meet legitimate Chinese national aspirations.

(2) Determination to do the utmost to protect, if necessary, the lives and interests of British subjects should they be threatened.

The discussions which are ex-

SURTAX SCRAMBLE.

Race for the Spoils by Warlords.

PEKING SCHEME ANNOUNCED.

Three cables published to-day give prominence to the commencement of the 2½ per cent. (Customs) surtaxes suggested in the British Memorandum but not as yet officially, or politically, put into effect.

From Peking it is reported that board will be appointed to control the surtaxes, comprising the following eleven persons:—

The Inspector-General of Chinese Maritime Customs, the Finance Minister (of Peking) and a high judicial official, with eight others to be nominated by Presidential mandate.

This board will appoint the depositories for receipts which

CUSTOMS SURTAXES.

Inspector General's Order.

Peking, Jan. 18. It is understood that the Inspector General of Customs has ordered the commissioners not to collect the surtaxes.

after being applied to foreign and domestic loans, will be distributed under the direction of the board.

One of the four clauses mentioned is the abolition of inland (interior tax on trade).

The above proposals were to have been considered by the Peking Cabinet yesterday.

"My Own Idea."

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang as having announced that he will levy the 2½ per cent surtaxes in the areas under his control (including Shanghai) as distinct from collection by the (Peking) Government.

To show that the scheme is his own idea, Marshal Sun (says the cable) will start on Jan. 20 (tomorrow), whereas Peking's plan to begin on Feb. 1.

Orders are stated to have been given to the Superintendents of Customs (i.e., Chinese semi-diplomatic officials) at Shanghai, Chinkiang, Nanking and Soochow to collaborate. With regard to the Customs stations at Wuhu, Hangchow, etc., similar orders will be given.

On the French Border.

Then from far-off Yunnan province comes news that the local military governor intends to collect the surtax for "constructional work" in his province.

The Shanghai Commission of Customs, interviewed by Reuter, stated that the Maritime Customs officials have nothing to do with the collection of the surtaxes mentioned in a previous message.

It is believed that the surtaxes will be collected by Sun Chuan-fang's appointees here. It is understood that they will establish a separate office in the Bank of China which is the Customs collecting bank.

Witness repeated what His Lordship had stated.

Witness continued, relating how that about 10 p.m. a ship passed, morsing "what ship." They were unable to reply and the ship passed on. From then on until midnight the pirates were very restless and "jumpy." Several visits were made to witness on the bridge and guns were flourished. Witness gathered that they were anxious about seeing the lights of Chelang Point which in good visibility could be seen 10 to 15 miles away. The weather was overcast and actually they did not sight it until a mile or so off.

Heard a Scream.

At the time, witness was walking from the port side of the bridge, the chief officer and 2nd officer and two pirates being present. Witness heard a scuffle in their direction and on turning round saw the two officers "fury with a man" whilst another lay beside them.

"It took me a second or two to grasp what had happened," said witness, "and then, not being armed, I remembered that there was a lead holding down a carpet and I made dash for it. The wind which had freshened, blew the carpet up and I fell on my face. I returned to the others and one of my officers said 'Search that man for ammunition.' I did so and the 2nd officer then gave me a revolver."

Witness proceeded to relate how a pirate came up, the starboard ladder and fired twice at the Chief Officer, missing him on both occasions.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 1/11 13/16.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

Capt. Pringle Again In Box.

LADIES IN THE COURT.

Captain Pringle was examined this morning at the continuation of the "Sunning" piracy case.

Many members of the public were present, including several ladies.

Emphasising that to prove the jurisdiction of the Court it was necessary to show that the piracy took place on the high seas, the Assistant Attorney General (Mr. Nihill) handed Capt. Pringle a chart and witness indicated the position of the ship at 8.30 p.m. on Nov. 16 as being about 28 miles to the N.E. of Lammao.

Mr. Duncan McCallum, defending, said that he admitted possessing the tickets, but denied that it was unlawful possession, as the defendant had bought them for his own use.

Defendant, in the witness box, said that he was awakened by the cabin boy and had a cup of tea, remaining for some time in bed reading a book. Whilst in the Portuguese Colony he purchased 100 lottery tickets. Upon returning to Hong Kong he hid them in his stocking because he knew that the Police made a practice of searching Chinese for firearms.

Addressing the Bench, Mr. McCallum said that in his view the whole thing was very trivial and the charge should never have been brought. Would a man in defendant's position, a partner in irresponsible firm, have bought \$8 worth of tickets for the purpose of selling them? The whole point was whether or not he intended to sell the tickets, and the onus of satisfying the Court rested with the defendant, who had told his story. Moreover continued Mr. McCallum, all the tickets bore the same name. Did the Police consider that to imply that they were intended for sale?

His Worship observed that that was undoubtedly in the defendant's favour, but another clause in the Ordinance forbade the purchase of tickets.

Mr. McCallum: That would be reducing the law to something

"VERY TRIVIAL."

Purchase of Lottery Tickets.

MAKING THE LAW ABSURD.

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NOTICES.

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BURNS' ANNIVERSARY DINNER.
Volunteer Headquarters
Tuesday, 25th January, at 8 p.m.

MEMBERS, Intending to be present are requested to submit their names not later than THURSDAY, 20th instant. Scotsmen, not Members of the Society, may attend the Dinner on the same terms as Members but should first communicate with the undersigned.

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Tenders will be opened at noon on Wednesday 26th January.

Hong Kong, 18th January, 1927.

NOTICE.

THE MARRIAGE REGISTRY has been transferred from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs to the LAND OFFICE, Supreme Court, Hong Kong.

PHILIP JACKS,
Registrar of Marriages,
The Marriage Registry
Supreme Court,
Hong Kong.

13th January, 1927.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

THE DATE for the closing of entries has been POSTPONED until WEDNESDAY, 26th January, 1927, at 6 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th Jan., 1927.

NOTICES.

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Events: Second Day.

1.—The Canton Stakes (Three Furlongs)—Winner \$250*

2.—The Monghi Stakes (Half Mile)—Winner \$250*

3.—The Hong Kong Plate (1/2 mile)—Winner \$300*

4.—The Jockey Cup (Five Furlongs)—Winner \$250*

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NOTICE.

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ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. on THURSDAY, 27th January, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 14th January to THURSDAY, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING
of THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1927, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 18th January, 1927, to FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
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Hong Kong, 14th January, 1927.

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CHEUNGCHAU NOTES

MORE MISSIONARIES AS
VISITORS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Cheung Chau, Jan. 18.

There has been a temporary increase in the European population this week, partly on account of an order by the British Consul in Canton who has ordered the families of British subjects who live in the interior to come to the coast.

Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. J. McConnel of the New Zealand Mission are now in No. 9.

Some of the parents who have

children attending the Chefoo School are finishing up their holiday

on the Island, among them being the Rev. and Mrs. McRae and Mrs. Davies.

Dr. and Mrs. McDonald are on a

visit to No. 17.

More missionaries have arrived

this morning including Mr. Kirk and Mr. Miller.

Good progress is being made with

the various buildings under construction.

The weather is good for

this work, but the gardens are get-

ting dry and cisterns low.

The Rev. Mr. McRae conducted

the service on Sunday last.

Prosecuting for the Police, Sgt.

Kennedy said that the complainant

was waylaid by the two defendants

whilst walking along Shanghai

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 MANSHU MARU Sunday, 23rd January.
 CELEBES MARU Sunday, 30th January.
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 HAVRE MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.
 JAPAN PORTS Wednesday, 19th January.
 AMAZON MARU Tuesday, 25th January.
 KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY Wednesday, 10th January.
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 KAIJO MARU Sunday, 30th Jan, 10 a.m.
 HOZAN MARU Sunday, 30th Jan, 10 a.m.
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NAVAL AND MERCHANT TYPES.

FAR-REACHING CHANGES.

In the preface to the issue for 1927 of "Brassey's Naval and Shipping Annual," just published, it is remarked that far-reaching changes in the application of physical science to sea transport as well as sea defence are taking place. Attention is specially directed to the developments in engineering, and it is pointed out that the naval authorities are incorporating their deductions from the experiences of the Great War in the designs of cruisers, destroyers, and submarines. "Everything concerned with sea affairs is undergoing a change which is finding expression in a variety of ways, and is, in particular, affecting the equipment of all types of ships." This movement is revealed in the illustrations, diagrams, and profiles which are contained in this volume, and in particular in the picture of the new British battle ship "Nelson" and "Rodney." A revolution is occurring at sea. The steamer, having vanquished the sailor, has recently been challenged by the motor-ship, and now Sir John Biles suggested that owing to the research of the Hon. Sir Charles Parsons the motor-ship may find a serious rival in vessels fitted with high-pressure steam turbines of the type which is being tried experimentally in the Clyde pleasure steamer "King George V."

The Admiralty is still maintaining almost complete silence as to the offensive and defensive powers of the two new battle ships which will be commissioned this year, but the editors of "Brassey's Annual" declare that "these vessels represent as revolutionary a development of the capital ship as did the original 'Dreadnought' when she took the water twenty years ago." Commander A. Colquhoun Bell also foresees a reconsideration of the cruiser problem in view of the varied uses to which such swift ships were put during the Great War. He considers the existing types as ill-suited to the probable demands of any future war. Sir George Thurston, the well-known naval architect, is, on his part, dissatisfied with the torpedo-boat destroyers which are now passing into the fleets of the world, remarkable in fighting power and speed as these vessels are. He describes, with the aid of diagrams, what he calls the super-destroyer, and contends that such a type, while not exceeding to any appreciable extent the cost of the present flotilla leader, would carry out all the work now done by "destroyer flotillas" and, owing to a more powerful torpedo armament, would be a greater menace to the capital ship; its better sea-keeping qualities and, even possibly, mine-laying and plane-carrying capabilities, would also render it more efficient for scouting and other purposes than the destroyers which are now being built.

Future of the Capital Ship.
Very complete accounts of the progress of the fleets of the British Empire and of foreign countries are given in two succeeding chapters by Commander Charles N. Robinson and Commander H. L. Hitchins. The former officer suggests that with the approaching completion of the battleships "Nelson" and "Rodney," the battle fleets of the principal navies of the world will reach a state of equilibrium, in accordance with the ratios set forth in the Washington Naval Treaty. "When these two battleships pass into commission, no capital ships," it is remarked, "will be under construction for any power, but naval opinion holds that these will not be any means the last vessels of the type to be built, but represent rather a new phase in naval construction, which will be entered upon as soon as the replacement programmes are taken in hand under the terms of the Treaty." The contention is that so long as no limits are placed upon modern weapons of war the big ship will be essential in order that adequate defensive measures against mines, submarines and aircraft bombs may be associated with superior offensive qualities. The battleship, it is evident, is not dead but dormant, and as soon as the naval holiday is at an end new vessels of this large and costly type will be constructed. In this connection the explanation by Commander Ichijo Sato, of the

SIREN SIGNAL.

SHIP ASKS FOR A DOCTOR.

Some excitement was caused on the sea-front at Eastbourne at dusk by the appearance of a ship which approached within a mile of the pierhead and blew two long blasts on its siren—the signal for a doctor.

Between Dungeness and Eastbourne one of the crew, Marteen Kroos, had badly damaged his right hand in some machinery. The man, after being attended to by Dr. Deane, the police surgeon, who went out to the ship, was brought ashore in a motor-boat and taken to hospital.

The vessel was the "Theseus," of the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company, bound for Barcelona from Amsterdam.

"PORT" FOR "LARBOARD."
A correspondent of the "Sunday Times" gives the date of the first official use of the term "port" for "larboard" in the Navy. He gives the following extract from "The Naval and Military Sketch Book of 1845," page 31:

It having been represented to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that the word "port" is frequently, though not universally, submitted on board her Majesty's ships for the word "larboard," and as the want of a uniform practice in this respect may lead to important and serious mistakes and the distinction between "starboard" and "port" is so much more marked than that between "starboard" and "larboard," it is their lords' direction that the word "larboard" shall no longer be used to signify left on board any of her Majesty's ships or vessels.

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The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that the damage caused to submarine H32 and H37 by their collision during exercises in the Channel is negligible.

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EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 28
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
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LIGHTING OF A DANGEROUS COAST.

PLEA FOR "SOMETHING SPECIAL."

As regards the proposed new light on the east coast of Ceylon, in the vicinity of Kumari Point, which has been referred to recently, and which is now, as a matter of fact, under the consideration of the Government of Ceylon, a master of long experience out in the East with whom the secretary of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild has been in communication on the subject, makes the following interesting comments in a letter recently received:-

"The enclosed newspaper cutting is very interesting, and only goes to show that however much the authorities concerned have procrastinated and shuffled about re a lighthouse in the vicinity of Kumuriya Ridge, the question can no longer be evaded, and I trust that now the authorities have really started to move, a first-class light will be established. Considering the long wait we have had, and the wear and tear on our nerves in the meantime, it will only be a fair and just compensation that Kumuriya should be 'something special' in the way of lights."

"This voyage I came down from Cocomoda direct to Galle, making the Ceylon coast, as per usual, in the 12 to 4 night watch. My course was set to strike well within the range of Little Basses Light and about twelve miles off the Kumuriya Ridge. Good star sights were obtained about six o'clock in the evening, which showed nothing in the way of abnormal currents up to that time. The night was very dark and cloudy with passing rain squalls, which effectively prevented any chance shot for a sight during the night. At midnight the deep-sea lead was kept going every half-hour, giving up 50 to 60 fathoms, no ground. Fortunately at dawn we managed to get a star sight. The position obtained showed that we had 30 miles of favourable current since the evening before at 6 p.m., and I had to come in due west to make the Great Basses Light, missing the Little Basses altogether. Of course these little stunts are all in a day's work, but had the current been the other way and I not using the lead, there might have been quite a different tale to tell."

The secretary of the Guild states that this is the member who first brought the matter to the attention of the Guild over a year ago, whereupon considerable correspondence transpired between that society and the Government Departments concerned, but unfortunately without any direct result. The majority of eastern-going navigators will know the spot well, and there seems to be little doubt that the concensus of opinion is that it is a very dangerous spot. It is satisfactory to learn from announcement made in "The Dolphin," the Guild's monthly magazine, that a well-known firm of lighthouse constructors has been asked to quote for a suitable light."

NEW FORTH BRIDGE.

The survey in connection with the proposed road-bridge over the Firth of Forth at Queensferry is proceeding satisfactorily, says Sir Henry Maybury, of the Ministry of Transport, who has been in Edinburgh, and will be completed and in the hands of the authorities early in spring.

It will be found that the bridging of the Firth at Queensferry will present no insurmountable difficulties from an engineering point of view. This bridge, he said, was the key to the problem of the East Coast traffic throughout Scotland.

The bridge at Berwick over the Tweed was nearing completion, and ought to be ready for opening in August of this year.

PASSENGER'S SUICIDE.

A passenger from Shanghai, believed to be a Chinese (name unknown) committed suicide by jumping into the sea while the s.s. "Yatshing" was under weigh to Hong Kong. This occurred at 12.57 p.m. on Jan. 14, the day the boat left Shanghai.

The matter was reported, on arrival, to the British Consulate at Sutow.

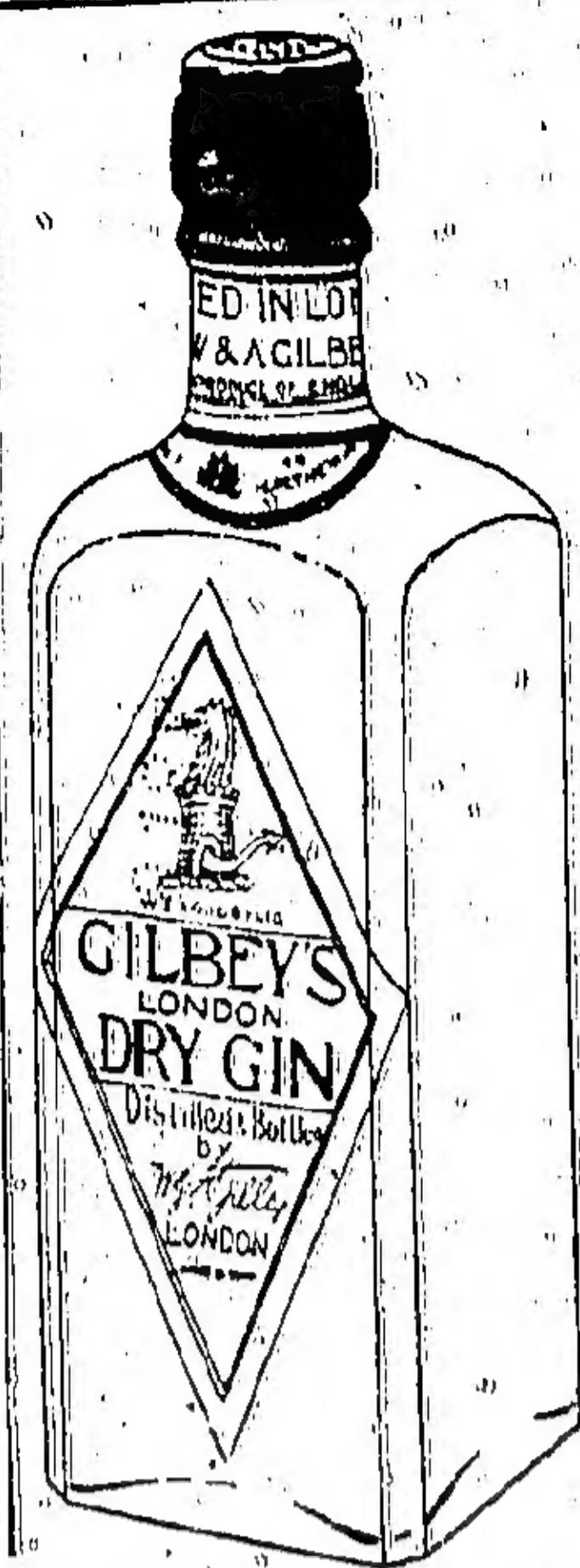
Put up for auction twice in aid of the funds of the London Orphan School and Royal British Orphan Schools at the annual festival-dinner on December 21, a cricket bat bearing the names of the Australian and English representatives in the Test matches reached \$461.50.

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CANTONESE METHODS.

The "China Mail" has been

taken to task in a very mild way

by the "Canton Gazette."

"That paper querulously finds fault

with our heading ("Cantonee

Methods") above a recent cable

gram, regarding the use of the

mob in Hankow as an instrument

of diplomacy." Our contemporary

very properly considers that "it

would be useless to remind the

"China Mail" that the Nationalist

Minister for Foreign Affairs effec

tively ensured the protection of

British life and property in the

Concession." It adds, moreover,

that "the "China Mail" is not

likely to be convinced except by

the course of events." With

that dictum we fully agree. What

does the "course of events" dis

close? Merely that the howling

mob got completely out of con

trol in Hankow, invaded the Bri

British Concession, mutilated

the War Memorial, entered the

buildings of the Municipal Council

and the Police Station, defied and

maltreated British Marines, and

generally created such a reign of

terror as to necessitate the

evacuation of British women and

children, the seeking of refuge in

the A.P.C. building by British

men, and the closing down of all

business.

What Mr. Eugene Chen said

and did subsequent to the mob's

excesses affects the issue not in

the slightest degree. The

"course of events" indisputably

shows that the Cantonee autho

rities did not "effectively ensure

the protection of British life and

property in the Concession."

It is a bad commentary on the

inability of the Cantonee autho

rities to protect British interests

that it should be found necessary

for more British warships and

more British Marines to come out

to China. British lives and Bri

British property must be protected.

If the Cantonee—or any other

of the warring factions, for that

matter—are unable or unwilling

to afford such protection in

future, they shall find that Bri

British patience has been over

strained and that the British

Navy will take over the duty of

protecting British subjects. That

cannot be construed as an ultimatum, or as an act of war.

It does not represent the slight

est deviation from the avowed

British policy of non-interference

with China's own domestic

affairs. Nor can it be taken to

imply any taking of sides with

any of the Chinese beligerents.

But—it does mean that the full

protection shall be afforded

hereafter in any part of China to

British subjects. The Chinese

authorities have failed us

already. They are liable to fail us

again. Therefore, as a very

simple act of insurance, the Bri

British Naval forces are being

strengthened. If their intervention

solely for the protection of

British lives and property ever

becomes necessary it will only be

because the responsible Chinese

authorities are totally unable to

cope with the situation.

CORRESPONDENCE

STUDENT INTERFERENCE WITH RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

(To the Editor of the "China Mail".)

Six.—Whilst it has been known for some time past that a certain section of the National Student Union has been endeavouring to undermine the work of Christian missionaries in China, the extent to which this anti-Christian movement has grown during the past year is only beginning to be realised.

A perusal of the translation of some literature regarding resolutions adopted by the Union shows that the movement has reached a stage when it cannot be regarded as mere antagonism to the Gospel of Christ. It is quite evident that it has now assumed the form of a gigantic political campaign—a campaign against foreigners—and as such it must be regarded in an entirely different light. It is no longer a matter in which missionaries and church-going folk are concerned. It is a matter of paramount importance to every foreigner in China.

We are told that since the "unequal treaties" were signed granting religious freedom for religious propaganda, Christianity has absorbed millions of Chinese students and established everywhere with thousands of students, but lately Chinese students as a body have gradually come to recognise the evils of Christianity and to realise that Christianity is an instrument of the ruling class to oppress the class to be ruled.

Few sober-minded people will take much notice of this outrageous libel upon missionaries as a body, but when one reads through the translations and comes across the definite programme which the National Student Union has set itself out to adopt, it will at once be seen that these mischievous-making schoolboys intend launching what is tantamount to a political campaign—a campaign intended not to undermine the work of missionaries, but to undermine the solemn international obligations of China—a campaign which it would be difficult to describe as being other than pure, unadulterated Bolshevikism.

Religious freedom in China is guaranteed by the various Treaties, and with it goes the right to build churches and hospitals, to rent or build houses and to open burial grounds. The fullest stipulation on the subject is contained in Art. XIV of the last Treaty between China and the United States, a perusal of which will show that the present activities of the National Student Council are a direct attack upon China's Treaty obligations.

There can be little doubt that the whole scheme has Moscow behind it. It is but the first step in Moscow's mischievous attempt to convert China to Bolshevism—a system which makes a mockery of religion, destroys the foundation of the home, the privacy of married and family life, and has done away with all honesty and decency in every relation of life.

Yours, etc.,
IONIDES.

Hong Kong, Jan. 18, 1927.

A CLEAN SLATE!

(To the Editor of the "China Mail".)

Sir.—Your suggestion that the best possible course that the British Government can adopt in regard to the remainder of the British share of the Boxer Indemnity is to forthwith liquidate the cash in hand and wipe out the whole of the balance, should commend itself to most people who, sick and tired of the bickerings and quarrellings of the past few years would, one feels sure, be only too willing to support such a magnanimous gesture of Britain's great good will towards China and the Chinese people.

The suggestion is certainly one which should commend itself to everyone having even the smallest commercial interest in China, and one which might well be used as an excellent vehicle for letting the Imperial Government know that we, whose lot it is to be domiciled in immediate proximity to unhappy China, realise that so long as the Government lends its support to a scheme which, as you so forcibly point out, will only remind future generations of Chinese of an unfortunate episode in the history of their nation, it is futile to look for a complete cessation of anti-British activities.

Cannot something be done in the matter? Why not some one come forward and take the lead? What greater incentive to the calling of a public meeting could be desired than the recent addresses of H.E. the Governor and the Vice-Chancellor of the University on the question of our claim to a substantial portion of the Boxer Fund?

Let Hong Kong be heard; let our merchant princes—both English and Chinese—the men who have converted this barren rock into the present-day citadel of commerce that it is—let them speak out.

You, Sir, have taken the lead.

Let Hong Kong follow!

Yours, etc.,

CIVIS BRITANNICUS SIVE

Hong Kong, Jan. 18, 1927.

COURT REPROOF.

A "CHINAMAN" AND A BURGLARY

REBUKE FROM JUDGE.

Mr. E. H. Dunning, an American citizen, was complainant at the Special Provisional Court at Shanghai before Judge John C. H. Wu, when an unemployed Chinese, was charged with attempting to burglar his house.

Evidence was given by Mr. Dunning to the effect that, at 10.20 p.m. on December 5 last, he was awakened by a noise in his house. He took his revolver and made investigation. After noticing that the door had been broken open, he saw a light and a Chinaman.

The Judge—Mr. Dunning, don't say Chinaman in this Court. It is vulgar. I can't tell you an American, can I? It's bad grammar and impolite.

Complainant—What will I say?

"AT ALL COSTS."

(Continued from Page 1.)

FRIENDLY ATTITUDE.

Sympathy With Nationalist Aspirations.

Rugby, Jan. 18.

It is understood that the decisions at yesterday's Cabinet meeting marked no new departure in the British policy in China but authorised the British representatives to apply in detail to the present situation the broad principles which have actuated British policy since the Washington Conference of 1922.

These principles are, (1) conciliation towards the Chinese; and (2) protection of British lives and interests in China.

In recent months they have been frequently and publicly enunciated, notably in Sir Miles Lampson's statement in London to the China Association last October, and in the British Memorandum issued last month.

It has been made clear that the British Government sympathises with the legitimate aspirations of Chinese Nationalists and desires them to be considered as a spirit of mutual conciliation.

Any naval and military measures that may be taken do not therefore imply aggression, but are "purely precautionary."—British Wireless Service.

DEFENCE OF SHANGHAI.

Britain and Her Avowed Enemies.

Rugby, Jan. 18.

The newspapers consider that the last doubt has been removed that the Government means to take its share in the defence of Shanghai should it become necessary.

The "Yorkshire Post," an authoritative Conservative newspaper, says:—

"In the instructions sent to the British representatives it will doubtless be made clear that we have no desire to interfere in Chinese affairs or to take sides for or against any elements competing for the control of the country or of its most important sources of revenue."

The Hand of Moscow.

"But we are determined, if necessary, to defend our nationals in Shanghai and our legitimate interests in China from assaults which are openly inspired, and even directed by enemies of this country."

"Arrangements legally in force as between China and the rest of the world may need revision, and the British Government has shown that it is perfectly willing to discuss in the most friendly spirit modifications and improvements in the existing treaty relationships as soon as they are presented in proper form by the authorities who can reasonably claim to represent the Chinese people."

The Strong Arm.

"They will not submit to alterations prompted by the avowed enemies of this country and backed by threats of violence."

Some demonstration is due in the East sufficient to carry the conviction that, however great and consistent our moderation, however anxious we may be to set no stone in the path of genuine and reputable national ambitions, yet the open enemies of the British have still to reckon with the strong arm which hesitates to strike but is ready to defend British nationals and British rights, if need be by force of arms."—British Wireless Service.

INLAND DANGERS.

Courageous Missionaries.

Shanghai, Jan. 18.

In spite of the evacuation order twelve missionary men, fifteen women and five children are staying at Chengtu.

The Consul and Vice-Consul are leaving on Jan. 21.

Only six women remain at Chunking.

Chinese reports that Mr. Eugene Chen has demanded complete recognition of the Nationalist Government and the withdrawal of all British warships from inland waters is officially declared to be untrue.—Reuter.

FOOCHOW TROUBLE.

Church As Agitators' Meeting Place.

Telegrams received in Hong Kong this morning state that the a.s. "Hatching," which is due to arrive in the Colony to-morrow morning, is bringing a number of Catholic missionaries from Foochow.

According to one of the telegrams, the party comprises five Spanish and five American priests and twelve Spanish and six French sisters.

There is no definite news of Monsgr. Argüre, the Catholic

Bishop of Foochow, but there is reason to believe that his Lordship has proceeded to Amoy.

Broken Promise.

A letter received in the Colony yesterday under date Jan. 13 stated that Chinese officers who visited the Convent of the Holy Infant expressed much pleasure at the industry of the 300 girls being instructed there, assuring the sister-in-charge that she need have no fear of any trouble.

As already reported, the following day the Convent was raided, the girls being kidnapped.

According to the same letter, the Roman Catholic Church has been turned into a public meeting place, agitators making place anti-British speeches in the interior of the sacred edifice.

A telegram to hand this morning from Amoy states that there is reason to believe that the trouble in Foochow will spread to the former port.

HANKOW FOLLY.

Speaking English A Serious Crime.

Because he held a conversation with a foreigner in the British Concession at Hankow, Mr. T. C. Tong, comprador of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, at Hankow was arrested by pickets and was released only after very strenuous efforts exerted by himself and his friends.

Indication that the Chinese are hostile to the idea of "foreigners and their running dogs," is shown by the amazing charges preferred against him, one being that he actually used the English language instead of being patriotic and using Chinese!

According to reports from Hankow, Mr. Tong took his private ricksha down to the Bund about 5 p.m. last Thursday and happened to see Mr. W. N. Neil, local agent of the Chartered Bank inside the A.P.C. building where many foreigners were confined after the mob outbursts in the Concession.

"Foreigners' Running Dog."

He stopped and went near the building to talk with Mr. Neil for a few minutes on general conditions in the British Concession under the Nationalist rule.

Leaving the place, he found himself suddenly surrounded by a number of pickets who accused him of conspiring with the foreigners and placed him under arrest.

As it was raining hard and getting dark, Mr. Tong offered the pickets two dollars to let him free. This was refused and he was taken as the "foreigners' running-dog" to the pickets' headquarters at the Hankow Club.

A "trial" was immediately held by the picket authorities who found Mr. Tong guilty of the following:

(1) Supplying secret information to the foreigners, to the effect that three big British warships and 600 British marines are coming to Hankow.

(2) Secretly bringing food to the foreigners inside the A.P.C. Building.

(3) Using the English language in his conversation with the foreigners.

(4) Attempting to bribe the pickets with two dollars.

All these charges were declared by the picket leaders as counter-revolutionary measures.

Rich At Hankow Club.

After the trial at the Hankow Club, Mr. Tong was taken to the British Police Station, now the Office of the Kuomintang representative in charge of the British Concession affairs. Although requests were made by the various officials in Hankow for his release, the picket and Kuomintang heads refused to let Mr. Tong free. It was not until an order was signed by Mr. Chen Yu-jen, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and a personal guarantee was made by Mr. T. C. Woo, Secretary of the Ministry, that Mr. Tong was finally released. He was held prisoner for over four hours.

China's Sarcasm.

Local comment on this affair was quite sarcastic last Thursday in Chinese circles, among whom Mr. T. C. Tong is an influential person and known to be very patriotic. "Is Great Britain at war with China?" they asked.

"Was Mr. Tong supplying information to the 'enemy'?"

"Is it not possible for a Chinese now to speak to a foreigner in the British Concession?"

As for supplying food secretly to the foreigners in the A.P.C. Building, many Chinese friends of those foreigners inside the building are now wondering whether it is the intention of the pickets to have them starved—otherwise why an offence to give them food.

And to the charge of using the English language, Mr. Tong could not have spoken to the person he did without using it as the foreigner with whom he conversed, does not speak Chinese.

Hankow Chinese who have spent many years learning the English language are asking whether the use of it is now to be prohibited.

No Navy News.

No wireless messages were received last night or this morning from the Yangtze by the naval authorities.

MR. BLAND ON THE CRISIS.

Almost Prophetic Letter to "Sunday Times."

In view of the recent events in Hankow and in the Yangtze Valley generally, the following letter contributed by Mr. J. O. P. Bland to the columns of the "Sunday Times" appears almost prophetic. The letter follows:—

Sir,—As one who has made some study of the history and disposition of the Chinese people, may I be permitted to express the opinion that our Government's proclaimed policy of patience in the face of an unprovoked and artificially organised anti-British agitation (a policy supported last week in one of your leading articles) is calculated to inflict great injury upon our commerce in the Far East and to diminish our prestige throughout Asia, without any compensating benefits to China?

Space does not permit of an exhaustive exposition of the fallacies now generally prevalent with regard to the situation in China. I propose to refer only to two, which form the basis of the argument set forth in the leading article to which I have alluded.

In the first place, it is there stated that "any intervention that may become necessary can only aggravate the anti-foreign agitation." I venture, on the contrary, to assert that any intervention which would tend to check the marauding activities of the rival armed forces (such as railway lines and waterways) would have the hearty support of all the best elements in the country; also, that nothing is more certain to fan the flames of anti-foreign agitation than the growth in the minds of its leaders of the idea that they can tear up the treaties and repudiate the nation's obligations with impunity.

The present attitude of the F.O. and of the State Department at Washington is quite enough to account for the present position of affairs at Canton and Hankow.

"The Sorry Truth."

Furthermore, you deprecate any interference on the ground that the agitation in China "is a clear example of developing national consciousness," and that any attempt to suppress it would be unwise and unprofitable. This conception of "nationalist sentiment manifesting itself as an ungovernable evolutionary force" is a wholly fallacious idea, which has been cleverly spread by the Cantonese propagandists for some years past and found wide acceptance in this country and in the United States. The sorry truth of the matter is that, amongst all the rival army leaders and political factions, you will seek in vain for any sign of a collective, constructive patriotic purpose or genuine national sentiment.

The forces of disorder are set and kept in motion by and for small groups of men, individuals, whose conspicuous and dominating purposes are personal ambition and greed of gain.

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There are among them men and women of the noblest character, and they do no inconsiderable amount of good.

What has to be considered, however, is whether the evil does not outweigh the good. To be of benefit to a few hundred people and to arouse the enmity and suspicion of many thousands is a very doubtful blessing.

The religion of a Buddhist or a Mohammedan is just as sacred to him as Christianity is to a Christian. The moral code of the Eastern religions is no lower than that of the Western, and the practice of moral virtues is probably the whole greater.

It is impossible to calculate the consequences of the resentment of Eastern peoples against missions. But it is absurd to deny it.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE.**Rebuke From Liberals.**

Even in the Liberal Party Lloyd George appears to have found little support for his recent speech on the situation in this country. Viscount Grey of Falodon issued a timely rebuke at a dinner given by members of the Liberal Party at the Hotel Cecil on December 13. The Liberal Party, he said, found it impossible to keep in step with Mr. Lloyd George. He thought that the speech made by Mr. Lloyd George about China was detrimental to British interests and make a settlement in China more difficult. British policy and British reputation were already being most unfairly represented in China, and that any leading man in public life in England should make a speech to add to the impression abroad was, he thought, most unfortunate.

It was quite possible to take a line independent of the Government about China without being open to that criticism. Mr. MacDonald had found it possible to make a contribution to the discussion of the Chinese question which, while independent, was helpful and not harmful. And what the leader of the Labour Party could do in such a matter, the Liberal Party also could do.

STEAM LAUNCH HOME.**Consular Flag at Kiukiang.**

Hankow, Jan. 12. Foreigners arriving here from Kiukiang state that the Cantonese have stationed sentries at the Concession, which yesterday was quite deserted. Every shop on the bund is flying the Nationalist flag, which is also much in evidence among craft in the harbour.

The dozen foreign men remaining are distributed between H.M.S. "Scarab" and H.M.S. "Wivern." They were able to reach safety only after much difficulty, owing to obstruction by the mob.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Colony had a clean "bill of health" on Tuesday when no case of notifiable disease was reported to the Medical Officer of Health.

The next committee meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce is to be held at 2.30 p.m. this Friday at the Chamber's premises in Connaught Road Central.

Four aeroplanes, "a gift" from Marshal Chang Tsao-jin to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, arrived by train in Shanghai and have been taken to the Hangchow aerodrome, where a party of ten aviators are preparing for military service.

The following delightful inscription appears on a piece of cheap Chinese pottery work purchased by a foreigner recently in the native city of Shanghai: "Do not go to foreign devils to be robbed: come to Chinese and be patriotic."

Mr. Li Yat-chol, the manager, notified that Mrs. Tse Ka-po (the wife of Mr. Simon Tse Yan) will distribute the prizes of the Kai Lap Chinese School, in the Grand Theatre, Wan-chai, at 4 p.m. to-morrow. The school is conducted under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The gross receipts of the bazaar at China Building for St. Paul's Girls' College fund have now been raised to \$14,000. Today is the last day of the bazaar which will be open from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Fiat motor car, the first prize in the "lucky dip" had not been drawn up to yesterday evening and several other valuable prizes remain to be drawn. Should they not be drawn when the bazaar closes the committee will draw numbers from the dip for absent ticket holders.

The Italian Ministry of Communications announces that wireless telephones are to be installed on express trains in Italy. The system will be based on the principle now adopted in Germany. A start will be made on the Milan-Bologna and the Milan-Turin expresses.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) is to give away the prizes at Queen's College, at the annual distribution on Friday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m.

Says the Chinese press, "The martial law bureau in Tientsin (Fengtien) has decided to enrol 200 dictators and applicants for these vacancies are invited."

The Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp is to give away the prizes at St. Paul's College on Jan. 22. Proceedings begin with a programme of entertainment at 7.30 p.m. and the distribution follows at 9 p.m.

Pilot Nevill Vincent of the Air Survey Company has made a trial flight over Rangoon to test his plane in which he made his first flight from Penang to Rangoon when he met with a series of mishaps. The plane has been overhauled and after a few more trial flights he intends leaving for Chittagong to start survey work in the hill tracts. The second plane in which he attempted to fly from Borneo not being in order was shipped from Singapore and is now being overhauled at Monkey Point.

"THEOSOPHY."

ME. RAMA RAO, F.T.S., F.O.S.E., the well-known International T.S. and Star worker, will give an address at the Hong Kong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 74 Duddell Street, on Thursday, Jan. 26th, at 6 p.m.

All are heartily invited to be present. Theosophical books for sale. Inquiries daily, 6-8 p.m. (Wednesdays and Saturdays 7-8 p.m.)

I observe there has been in the press considerable discussion about the use of the National Anthem to clear disorderly meetings and boozing crowds at a theatre, says a gossip writer in a Glasgow paper. There are others who object to the way in which, when it is played, as many people promptly dive for a hat or a stick. Of course, there are some who do, but they are not in the majority. I don't quite know the correct attitude for a woman to assume, but she should stand and stand still. A man should stand motionless, and what is called in the Army "at attention." But when in civilian attire, he does not stand at the salute. It is not everybody who knows that when royalty passes that is the correct attitude, although most of us want to cheer and wave handkerchiefs. Frankly, I have often wondered what the royal family themselves would prefer, and I have a good deal of sympathy with the Prince of Wales, who, a few nights ago when he was on duty at a festival in the East-End, and feeling thirsty, went and had a glass of beer at "The Bricklayers Arms."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Miss E. W. Bain left Hong Kong yesterday for Europe, travelling on the "President Garfield" which sailed for Manila. She may make a stop at an intermediate port, but her destination is Marseilles.

Mr. W. W. Comfort of the Lingnan University (formerly the Canton Christian College) sailed for America yesterday on the "President Garfield." He will be making the trip via Europe, by way of Manila and Singapore.

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SPORTS SECTION

ANOTHER TOUR.

ENGLISH CRICKET TEAM FOR JAMAICA.

FIRST-CLASS PLAYERS.

Rugby, Jan. 18.
An English cricket team will leave on February 1 for Jamaica. Its exact composition has not yet been definitely settled but it is understood it will include the Hon. L. H. Tennyson, Rev. F. H. Gillingham (Essex) and Mr. P. G. H. Fender (Surrey) among other first class

AN EXTRA RACE.

Racing Stakes, 10th Event, the First Day.

An advertisement on page 12 of this issue notifies that there will be ten races on the first day of the Jockey Club's annual meeting instead of nine.

Entries for this race should be attached to the entry forms already issued.

The additional race is the tenth, the Racing Stakes.

players.) The four will occupy the best part of two months.—British Wireless Service.

The Hon. L. H. Tennyson (Hampshire) captained English against Australia in 1921. He has been on tour before.

There are at present two M.C.C. teams on tour, one in India captained by A. E. R. Gillingham and the other in South America, captained by P. F. Warner.]

LEAGUE CRICKET.

ROYAL NAVY DEFEAT THE GUNNERS.

WIN BY 5 WICKETS.

Royal Navy defeated Royal Artillery by five wickets yesterday in the Hong Kong Cricket League.

The match was played on the Kowloon C.C. ground where it was dry in contrast to the intermittent drizzle on this side of the harbour.

Batting first, the Gunners lost 4 wickets cheaply. For the 5th wicket partnership, Parkes (35) and Smith (50) made 84 runs.

Lt.-Col. A. S. Cantrell, R.M., the Navy's captain, took 5 wickets. Beatty, the fast bowler, gave very few runs but was not so successful.

Brewerton (36) and Emley (21, not out) were prominent for the winners.

Wright captured 4 for the 5 Naval wickets which fell. Scores—

Royal Artillery.

Capt. Howard, run out 2

Sgt. Leach, c Shaw, b Cantrell 2

Lt. Wright, c Newell, b Cantrell 2

Lt.-Col. W. A. Edmades, b Cantrell 0

Capt. Parkes, c Venn, b Beatty 35

Lt. Smith, c Beatty, b Emley 50

Lt. Stanley, c Armitage, b Cantrell 50

Mr.-Gr. Foden, c Sparkes, b Cantrell 2

Sgt. Hale, run out 15

Gr. Roberts, b Beatty 0

Sgt. Gifford, not out 2

Extras 5

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

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Cantrell 121.0 44 5

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Royal Navy.

Rev. Venn, c Rule, b Wright 0

Flight Lt. Brewerton, c Foden, b Wright 36

Lt. Sparks, l.b.w., b Wright 14

Lt. Sturgess, b Wright 11

Lt.-Col. Cantrell, c Gifford, b Rule 17

Lt.-Col. Shaw, not out 14

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\$12,000 SOCCER HOAX.

Robert Gillespie, the centre half-back of Queen's Park F.C., the famous Glasgow amateur club, is the latest Scottish footballer to have his name associated with an extraordinary but unfounded rumour. The story has got abroad that Gillespie has received an offer of \$12,000 from a Scottish professional club.

"A pure hoax," was Gillespie's comment when interviewed in mail week. He said he had received no offer from any club for the past week or two.

LAWN TENNIS.

GERMANS CAN NOW PLAY IN ENGLAND.

INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS.

Rugby, Jan. 18.

At a meeting of the Council of Lawn Tennis Association it was agreed in view of re-admission of Germany to the International Federation to remove prohibition against German players competing in open tournaments in Great Britain and against British players competing in Germany. Similar action was taken in regard to Turkey and Bulgaria. It was agreed to inform the United States Lawn Tennis Association that Great Britain favoured Germany being allowed to compete in the Davis Cup.—British Wireless Service.

M.C.C. TOUR.

FIRST MATCH OF RANGOON SERIES.

CENTURY BY PARSONS.

Calcutta, Jan. 10.

In the match against Rangoon Gymkhana Club at Rangoon, the M.C.C. batted first and declared with 381 runs for six wickets. Parsons (Warwick) made 160 and Geary (Leicester), 75 not out.

The Club were out for 173, to which Hubert Ashton contributed 48. Mercer (Leicester) took six wickets for 35 runs.

Following on, the Club made 211 runs for five wickets, Ashton making 60 not out. The match was drawn.

DEMPSEY'S PLANS.

DISCUSSION WITH TEX RICKARD.

"RETURN" WITH TUNNEY.

New York, Jan. 13.

Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, will arrive in New York about February 1 to discuss his future plans with Tex Rickard, it was disclosed here yesterday.

Rickard said he hopes to bind Dempsey to an agreement to meet the winner of the elimination bouts soon to be staged, to decide who shall meet Gene Tunney for the title in September at the Yankee Stadium here.—China Press.

FANLING GOLF.

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TENNIS WRITERS.

HOME AMATEUR PROBLEM DEFERRED.

THE WIMBLEDON DRAW.

London, Dec. 14.

The vexed question of the player-writer was discussed at the Lawn Tennis Association, under the presidency of Lord Desborough, yesterday.

The clause in Rule E which states, "An amateur lawn tennis player is specifically prohibited from advertising his name or permitting his name to be advertised as the author of any book or Press article on the game of which he is not the actual author," was agreed upon. But in the discussion the rule got mixed up with that referred to under Rule E (a) called "Press Notices," which states that "an amateur lawn tennis player who is entered as, or is, a competitor in any tournament, match, or competition is prohibited from writing reports or articles thereon for the daily or weekly Press under his own name, initials, or recognisable pseudonym."

Amateur Or Not?

It was proposed by Mr. J. A. Batley that the rule as it stands should go forward as a recommendation to the International Lawn Tennis Federation, which meets in Paris next March, and that the Lawn Tennis Association reserve the right to "contract out" of whatever is passed there at a special general meeting to be held after the Paris one. This proposal was eventually passed, which briefly means that the question of player-writers is deferred.

Other important questions were decided. The old-time rule that "any lawn tennis player is an amateur who is not disqualified as an amateur in any other branch of sport" met with considerable opposition. It was pointed out that professionals at other sports are allowed to play amateur in golf, badminton, cricket, and Rugby football, and an amendment to alter this rule received 197 votes to 145 against, but owing to there not being a two-thirds majority the amendment was lost.

Cheaper Balls.

After 1927 only stitchless balls will be allowed, and the surface must be smooth, which will tend to reduce the price of balls and make for uniformity.

Permission to "seed" the draw by ability—instead of by nationality—as is done in the United States, France, Australia, and elsewhere was passed. This is wise and will be welcomed by players from abroad, who are thus almost assured of remaining in the tournament at Wimbledon for a few rounds at least.

VOLUNTEER CRICKET.

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FULL PLAY AT ETON.

Viscount Furneaux, son and heir of Lord Birkenhead, one of the Keepers of the Field, at Eton, said in reference to the notice which has been issued at the school calling attention to foul play in house matches in the "Field game."

So far as any unfair play is concerned, I think it is very incon siderable, and I do not think those responsible mean anything by it. I attribute it largely to exuberance of spirits and the keenness of the players rather than to any real intention to play foul. It has only been noticed during the present half, and already the effect of paying attention to it has had a very good result.

DAVID HUNTER'S DEATH.

London Jan. 12.

David Hunter, who kept wicket for Yorkshire from 1888 to 1901, and a famous cricketer in his day, died suddenly at Scarborough to-day at the age of 66.—"China Press."

Since the operation of the betting tax the British Treasury has been losing from one-half to one-third of the normal entertainment tax yields from race meetings.

KOWLOON ROBBERS.

HOLD UP A TEA HOUSE WAITRESS.

A waitress employed at a tea house at No. 18 Canton Road, has reported to the Police that at 11 o'clock last night, when walking down a lane at the back of Ashley Road, she was stopped by two men. Her screams attracted three other men to the scene, but the newcomers promptly joined in the affair, the five getting away with a gold chain and \$30 in cash.

Shortly afterwards the waitress saw one of the men in another lane in the neighbourhood and promptly caught hold of him and screamed, attracting the attention of a constable who, promptly took the man in charge.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Stone. The Mate returned the fire and the man dropped to the foot of the ladder. He was believed to have been killed. The remains of a man had been discovered there later after the fire. Mr. Orr, hearing the roar, joined the other officers on the bridge, and witness went to the port side to guard a temporary ladder there.

Witness went on to detail the incidents of the night, the defence of the bridge, the fire started by the pirates and the departure of the boats.

Cross-Examination.

Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, witness admitted that when the pirates had control of the ship he thought that, once having taken them to where they wanted, they would leave the ship, and that he would not be called upon to identify them again.

Mr. Alabaster asked if witness did not think that when the No. 6 boat went off with the pirates there were no pirates aboard other than those laid out on the bridge.

Witness disagreed, and said that some of the pirates might have preferred the risk of remaining on board to the risk of trusting their life to a boat in heavy seas such as were then running.

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The case is proceeding.

Yesterday's Evidence.

In the course of his opening yesterday Mr. Nihill said that no act of piracy occurred after 5 o'clock on the morning of the 16th. As soon as the last boat had left the ship, the Captain mustered the crew and passengers and an attempt was made to put out the fire.

At 7 a.m. H.M.S. "Bluebell" arrived, but was unable to do anything, the weather being too rough for the small vessel to draw near the "Sunning." However, shortly afterwards the "Kaying," a sister-ship of the "Sunning" arrived on the scene and stood by, making several unsuccessful attempts to tow the vessel during the course of the day.

Eventually, at 11 p.m., the Tako tug was able to get the "Sunning" in tow, arriving in Hong Kong at noon the following day.

Heroism of the Officers.

"Whilst the story I have unfolded to you presents a dark and gloomy picture," continued the Assistant Attorney-General, "I think that you will agree with me when I say that it is relieved by the heroism, the daring and the courage of the ship's officers."

Mr. Nihill went on to describe at some length the movements of the three life-boats that were lowered during the course of the night. The whereabouts of the No. 5 boat had never been ascertained; the movements of the No. 6 boat would be described by the ship's carpenter and stevedore who were compelled to row all night at the muzzle of a gun carried by one of the pirates, whilst, in regard to the No. 2 boat, evidence would be forthcoming to show that, after a stormy night, it was picked up by a Norwegian steamer which later transferred the passengers to H.M.S. "Verity," which brought them on to Hong Kong.

Mr. Nihill briefly outlined the story which each witness would give in regard to each of the defendants, and then called Det. Sub. Insp. Vincent, who stated that he was officially photographed to the Hong Kong Police Force. Witness identified a number of photographs taken on board the a.s. "Sunning" shortly after her arrival in Hong Kong on November 12.

Mr. William Harrison has acquired the "Morning Post" building in the Strand for his office.

Mr. Harrison, recently purchased Mr. John Elmerman's group of illustrated weekly and trade periodicals, including the "Tatler," "The Sketch," the "Illustrated London News," the "Sphynx," "Eve," and the "Draper's Record."

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Six persons are now known to have lost their lives in the bush fires in New South Wales.

Captain H. D. Kaiser, of the Canadian Government vessel "Canadian Rancher," died at sea on the way from Halifax, N.S., to Antwerp.

At Liverpool Richard Brown, a bookmaker, of Sefton Park, was fined £10 for taking bets at a whippet meeting without issuing revenue tickets.

Lady Wallace states that the proceeds of her matinée at the New Scala Theatre in aid of St. Thomas's Cornwall Babes' Hostel amounted to £550.

By the will of the late Mr. James North, tramway inspector, the League of Welldoers of Liverpool, has received £50 "to give poor children, a day across the river."

At Gloucester Prison, Charles Houghton, 45, a butler, was hanged for the murder of his employers, the Misses Elinor and Martha Woodhouse, at Burghill Court, Herefordshire.

Dr. George Britton Gill, a member of the Leicester City Council, was fined £25 at Leicester for being drunk in charge of a motor-car and his licence suspended for 12 months.

Five men were slightly injured when a gas explosion occurred in the composing room of the "Walthamstow, Leyton, and Chingford Guardian," High Street, Walthamstow, E.

A verdict of Suicide while of Unsound Mind was returned at a Westminster inquest on August Kneller, 49, until recently head waiter at the Manhattan Hotel, New York, who threw himself from a balcony at the Savoy Hotel.

The sudden failure of the electric light current during the fog in Paris caused the greatest confusion in the banks. Each time the light went out the doors were hastily closed and the cash drawers locked, while the customers had to wait in total darkness until there was a resumption of lighting.

Five thousand pounds worth of jewellery was stolen in ten minutes by a cat burglar, who, in his anxiety to get away, crashed from the stack pipe into the garden of a New Malden house on the night of November 9. The burglar escaped, leaving behind him his torch, a jemmy, and an overcoat, but taking all the jewellery.

Mr. Albert Amor, for several years antiquary to the Queen, has retired.

When fire broke out on the ground floor of a three-storey house in Claremont Road, Alexandra Park, Manchester, several occupants of apartments were rescued by the fire brigade.

Two men, Brinley William and James Morris, both of Forest Fach, Swansea, who had been repairing an omnibus, were found gassed in a local garage and were taken unconscious to hospital.

Harold Bates, aged 26, a Cambridge undergraduate, son of Mr. Edward Bates, of Rainham, Kent, was found seriously injured on the railway outside Herne Hill station, S.E., and died before admission to hospital.

The rules of the Co-operative Employees' Union, which have just been framed, provide that it shall not affiliate with nor contribute to the funds of any political party, and that a strike cannot take place without a ballot of the members.

Sir Leslie Wilson, the Governor of Bombay, opened the Bhandara Dam, which will henceforward be known as the Wilson Dam, in the Western Ghats. The new dam which is 270 feet high, the second highest in the world, is designed to irrigate 220,000 acres of a district in the Deccan which has hitherto been particularly liable to famine.



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Mr. Herbert Smith, president of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, is suffering from influenza.

Among recent manuscript acquisitions at the British Museum is an indenture signed by Dr. Dodd, the clergyman and one-time fashionable preacher, who was hanged for forgery in 1777.

Thirty-four reproductions in colour of Egyptian tomb paintings made by Mrs. N. de Garis Davies from the originals in the tombs at Thebes, dating from B.C. 2000-1100, have been deposited on permanent loan at the British Museum by Dr. A. H. Gardiner, for whom they were made.

A curious mediæval formula for the production of salts of copper, which for 600 years lay hidden in a ciphered manuscript of the Franciscan monk, Roger Bacon, has proved effective in tests made by chemists at the University of Pennsylvania, says Reuter. The formula is said not to have any commercial value owing to the cost of production.

Driven by the Atherton Hounds into Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, a fox ran through the ancient streets of the town, and finally climbed over a high wall surrounding a resident's garden. The hounds were let into the garden, but, after a chasing, the fox again jumped over the wall, and, on reaching the main road, eluded its pursuers.

The Colonisation Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway are inviting 50 applications from public and secondary school boys who wish free training in agriculture before taking up land of their own, and the accepted applicants will undergo a short course at Macdonald College (the Faculty of Agriculture of McGill University, Montreal) before proceeding to selected farms.

Flying accidents in 1926, Sir S. Hoare stated in the House of Commons, had caused the death of 78 officers and men of the Royal Air Force, compared with 51 in 1925 and 72 in 1924. From information in his possession, it was apparent that figures which had recently been cited purporting to suggest that the accident rate in France had during the past two or three years been more favourable than in Britain were totally inaccurate. There is reasonable ground for confidence, Major C. C. Turner holds, that the casualty rate will soon show a welcome decline.

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